



Calgary River Valleys champions and engages the public in the protection, appreciation and stewardship of Calgary's rivers, creeks, wetlands and watershed resources.

We are the voice of our rivers.

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Standing Policy Committee, Community and Protective Services
City of Calgary

Re: Biodiversity Strategic Plan, CPS 2015-0260

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Dear Committee members;

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this report.

The City of Calgary Biodiversity Report 2014 is a well written, comprehensive document. It gives an overview of Calgary's various habitats, plant and animal species and conservation tools in place to enhance our biodiversity. It also recognizes that partnerships with community organizations are extremely important to reach our biodiversity goals.

The 10 year implementation plan "Our BiodiverCity" builds on current City and Provincial policies. The Calgary River Valleys want to move our biodiversity initiatives to the next level. The plan sets out realistic goals, commitments and recommendations to enhance our natural biodiversity.

Calgary River Valleys supports the approval of the proposed Council Biodiversity Policy to direct early and ongoing implementation of the recommendations and initiatives proposed in these documents. It is important that Council and all Calgarians support these initiatives so we can continue to build a vibrant, sustainable healthy and diverse city.

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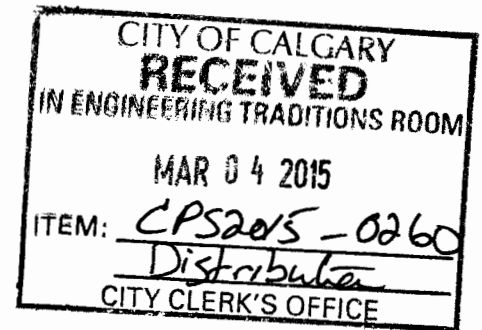
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On behalf of Calgary River Valleys we look forward to working with the many stakeholders involved. We would like to volunteer to sit on the biodiversity steering committee when it is formed. This will enable us to continue our work of the past 30 years to protect our natural landscapes.

Yours truly,

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